

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A powder dispenser device for dispensing powder from a filler vessel to an unfilled vessel, the device including:

a dispenser device body having an inlet end and an outlet end;

a transport passage between the inlet end and the outlet end, the transport passage having an inner wall including a tapered portion tapering outwardly from a direction of the inlet end toward the outlet end, wherein a cross-sectional internal dimension at the inlet end of the transport passage is smaller than a cross-sectional internal dimension at the outlet end of the transport passage; and

at least two sealing connector sections, located ~~at or near~~ on an inner surface of the dispenser device body proximate to the inlet end, and on an outer surface of the dispenser device body proximate to the outlet end, and ~~outlet ends~~ respectively, for sealingly connecting the device with a filler vessel and an unfilled vessel, thereby forming a substantially airtight seal, so that air within the unfilled vessel is displaced by powder from the filler vessel and passes through the transport passage during a filling operation.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein at least one of the ~~sealable connecting section~~ sealing connector sections is in the form of threaded portions, foam or rubber strips, light friction fits, or flat or contoured plates which correspond to a connector surface of an unfilled vessel.

4. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein the transport passage includes rounded shoulders at its inlet end.

5. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein the inner wall of the transport passage is a continuous generally smooth tapered configuration, tapering outwardly from the inlet end towards the outlet end.

6. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein a contour formed by an inner wall of the transport passage differs from the contour formed by an exterior wall of the transport passage.

7. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein an exterior wall of the transport passage is shaped to correspond to an inlet or access portion of any one of a plurality of unfilled vessels having access or inlet portions of differing diameters or shapes, the exterior wall thereby incorporating the sealable connector section.

8. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 7 wherein the exterior wall is tapered outwardly as the longitudinal direction is traversed from the outlet end to the inlet end.

9. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein the dispenser device body is constructed from suitable plastics, machinable or mouldable, or from suitable metals or metal alloys.

10. (Previously Presented) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein the device is constructed from more than one part or one or more materials.

11. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein an adaptor is provided to seal an inlet or access portion of an unfilled vessel.

12. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 11 wherein the adaptor is in the form of a plate, having inlet and outlet sealable portions, to seal with the inlet or access portion of an unfilled vessel, and the outlet end of the dispenser body.

13. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 12 wherein the plate is contoured or flat to conform with at least portions of the unfilled vessel.

14. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 1 wherein a locating means is provided

to locate with a retaining portion on the unfilled vessel.

15. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 14 wherein the locating means is in the form of one or more projections mounted on the external periphery of the dispenser device.

16. (Withdrawn) A dispenser device according to claim 15 wherein clips are used to locate with the retaining means to retain the device against the unfilled vessel.

17. (Canceled)